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TO AMERICAN APPROACH ON VIET-NAM

REFS: DUBLIN 665 AND 669; PARIS 09476

1. FONOFF PERMSEC PAUL KEATING CALLED AMBASSADOR IN AT 3:30 P.M.
DUBLIN TIME AND CONVEYED ORAL REPLY "TO SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM
DR. FITZGERALD AND NOTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES". KEATING STATED THAT
FONMIN FITZGERALD EXPECTED TO RETURN TO DUBLIN LATE TUESDAY NIGHT
OR WEDNESDAY MORNING AND WOULD PROBABLY CALL AMBASSADOR IN FOR
FURTHER BRIEFING ON THE DUBLIN-LUXEMBOURG DISCUSSIONS. KEATING
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CONFINED HIMSELF TO TRANSMITTING MESSAGE AND PLEADED INABILITY TO

DISCUSS ANY MATTERS OUTSIDE THE LANGUAGE OF THE MESSAGE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

(I) I THANK YOU FOR THE MESSAGE IN REGARD TO SOUTH EAST ASIA WHICH YOU CONVEYED ORALLY TO ME ON SATURDAY, 12 APRIL, BY AMBASSADOR MOORE. AS THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WERE MEETING NEAR DUBLIN ON 12 AND 13 APRIL FOR A WEEK-END OF REFLECTION AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION, I WAS ABLE TO BRING YOUR VIEWS IMMEDIATELY TO THE ATTENTION OF MY COLLEAGUES.

(II) WE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION AT THAT MEETING AND AGAIN YESTERDAY AT OUR MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG. FOLLOWING THESE DISCUSSIONS I WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU THE FOLLOWING AS VIEWS ON WHICH MY COLLEAGUES ARE IN BROAD AGREEMENT:

(A) WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN AT THE PRESENT CONFLICT IN VIETNAM AND, LIKE YOU, ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE IT BROUGHT TO AN END AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(B) WE APPRECIATE AND SHARE YOUR WISH THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES SHOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENTS AND WE ASSURE YOU OF OUR READINESS TO PURSUE THESE CONTACTS.

(C) LIKE YOU, WE ARE ANXIOUS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY TO TRY TO GIVE PRACTICAL EXPRESSION TO THE CONCERN WE FEEL AT THE HUMAN SUFFERING IN VIETNAM. A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS AMONG US HAVE ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO THIS EFFECT AND WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING HOW BEST WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE RELIEF OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED THROUGHOUT VIETNAM BY THE PROVISION OF FOOD, MEDICINE AND OTHER FORMS OF RELIEF BILATERALLY AND THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, AND WE ARE ALSO CONSULTING TOGETHER AND HAVE ALREADY TAKEN SOME STEPS TO WORK THROUGH THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITIES TO THIS END (BY THE PROVISION OF FOOD AID AND IN OTHER WAYS).

(D) WE HAVE ALSO BEEN CONSIDERING HOW BEST WE CAN HELP IN THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH PEACE IN VIETNAM. WE ARE READY TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL

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THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A DEMARCHE AT AN EARLY DATE TO EACH OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO URGE THEM TO BRING AN END AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO MILITARY CONFLICT. IN OUR VIEW, IF WE DECIDE TO MAKE SUCH A DEMARCHE, WE SHOULD CALL UPON THE PARTIES TO ARRANGE AN EARLY CEASE-FIRE AND AT THE SAME TIME CALL ON EACH TO DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO ESTABLISH THOSE CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE A POLITICAL SOLUTION AND A PERMANENT CESSATION OF MILITARY CONFLICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARIS

AGREEMENTS OF 1973.

BEFORE DECIDING TO MAKE SUCH AN APPROACH TO THE PARTIES WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR VIEWS. IN PARTICULAR WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS AS TO HOW BEST A CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE COULD BE CREATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND WHAT IS NEEDED TO CONVINCE EACH OF THEM OF THE WILLINGNESS OF THE OTHERS TO IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT.

(E) AS REGARDS RECOGNITION OF THE PRG, SO FAR AS I AM AWARE NONE OF OUR PARTNERS INTENDS AT PRESENT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRG. HOWEVER, SINCE DECISIONS OF RECOGNITION OR NON-RECOGNITION OF GOVERNMENTS ARE PRIMARILY A MATTER FOR INDIVIDUAL DECISION, WE FEEL IT PREFERABLE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED INDIVIDUALLY THROUGH APPROPRIATE BILATERAL CHANNELS OF THE VIEWS OF OUR INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS ON THIS MATTER. END TEXT.

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